

Smithland Iowa June the 10<sup>th</sup>  
dear Sister I take my pen in  
hand to let you know that I am  
well at present and I hope these  
lines will find you the same I am  
staying at uncle miners to night  
but to morrow I am a going to  
cut logs the folks are all well here  
he's got here on Friday morning  
and stayed till Saturday till Eunice  
there is lots of pretty girls up here  
and there is not one of them that  
wears corsets this is all write and  
tell me how all of our folks are  
write soon and tell Eunice I will  
answer her letters if she will write

This is from your brother

Miner to his sister Opha

as I was Mary & Clark S W

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10 St Jones

Miss Orpha Mead  
Present



Otoe Woodbury Co Iowa Sept  
17<sup>th</sup>

Dear brother I take my pen in hand to let you know that I am alive and well and I hope these few lines will find you the same I suppose you are done haying by this time

well we are not done yet we have got 60 tons up and we have got 30 tons more to stack and then we have got 75 acres of corn to gather and I think we will have sore fingers before we are done I dont know whether I will come down there this fall or not well Levi I will send two dollars and 10 cts in this letter and if you will take it and pay it to Mr gamet you will do me a favor



if you get this write and let  
me know this is all this time  
well orpha I will write you  
a few lines this time  
well I suppose you have not  
heard the sad news of the death  
of our cousin erastus he died  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of sept  
he was down in missouri when  
he died uncle minor went  
down after him but he was not  
able to come home with him so  
he left him

I am going to Siont city  
next week and I am a going  
to get some photographs  
taken and then I will send  
you one you must write  
soon as you get this and tell  
me how all of our folks are  
getting a long

you must write and tell  
me where Eunice is and what  
she is doing  
mr davis ems man lost one  
of his ~~his~~ horses the other day  
well orpha I am working at  
a place where we have 12 cows to  
milk and they make lots of  
butter and chuse I can say  
that I have had chuse enough  
to eat once they have got a  
bout 600 pounds of butter on  
hand now

good by this time

this is from your brother

Minor C Mead to his  
Brother and Sister  
Orpha and Levi perkins



Smithland Iowa July 12<sup>th</sup> 1888  
dear sister I take my pen in  
hand to let you know that  
I am well at present and I hope  
these few lines will find you the  
same I had a good time they  
~~fourth~~ fourth Friday night before the  
fourth they had a dance in uncle  
miners barn there was not many  
there only thirty couple  
platt hall got up the dance  
and aunt Jane got the supper  
and a better one could not be got  
it was 82 50 a couple I did not  
dance any but I got my supper  
free I am a working for Ed  
hall sallies old man for twenty  
dollars a month we are getting  
out bridge timbers he has got  
five bridges to build he gets  
fourteen hundred dollars for



the five bridges uncle miner  
got your letter that you wrote to  
me the day before I got back from  
Cherokee I have told you all  
the news this time so good by  
this is from your brother miner  
please write soon

Well Ennice I recieved  
your kind <sup>letter</sup> and was glad  
to hear from you I was down  
to Smithland on the fourth and  
I saw some of my friends there  
from little sioux they were  
ch McCalley John Dickey  
and Trejo

well you must excuse  
a short letter this time  
this is from miner to  
Ennice good by